



Discussion Questions

Jonah, Part 2

Introduction

- Did anything from the sermon stand out to you?
- How did the Spirit identify something specific in your life?

Q1 Does God give second chances? How and Why?

- Why did God give Jonah a second chance?
 - Did Jonah do (or not do) something to earn a second chance?
- Where else in the Bible did God give second chances?

Q2 How would you respond to Jonah...?

- ...After he was spit out of the fish?
- ...After Nineveh repented?

Q3 After Nineveh repented, Jonah prayed again...

- How was his second prayer similar/different to his first?
- Did his attitude change? Why or why not?

Q4 How does the New Testament refer to Jonah?

- Relevant texts: Matthew 12:39-41; and Luke 11:29-30.
- How does the story of Jonah compare to the “Prodigal Son” (Luke 15)?
- Read the quote below and reflect.

Conclusion

- God’s mercy is stronger! Do you find yourself not giving mercy, needing mercy, or both?
- Pray together.

Regarding The Church...



“Are we more interested in our own comfort than the need of multitudes of lost souls in Israel dying in darkness without the knowledge of their Messiah and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ? Are we more content to remain with the ‘gourds,’ the comforts of home, than to see the message of Christ go out to the ends of the earth to both Jew and Gentile? We may not, as Jonah did, argue with God for His goodness and mercy and love to the [unfortunate] souls lost in sin, but if we do not make it possible for them to hear of His grace and power to save to the uttermost, the result is the same, as far as they are concerned.”¹

¹ Charles L. Fienberg, *The Minor Prophets* (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1951), 152.